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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application, and all are subject to a restriction requirement.

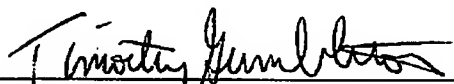
Applicants elect, without traverse, Group III, the instances wherein R_1 is thiophene and R_2 - R_4 represent non-heterocyclic groups, classified in class 548, subclass 266.2. Within Group III, Applicants elect as a representative species compound 49, the preparation of which is described in Example 30. The limitation that R_2 - R_4 represent non-heterocyclic groups, was confirmed with the Examiner during a telephone conversation on November 15, 2005.

No change in inventorship is required due to the election of this group.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the choice of Group III and cancellation of the non-chosen groups does not remove the right of Applicants to pursue the non-elected material in a continuing application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

In the last paragraph of page 4 of the Office Action, Examiner refers to Group VIII. However, only Groups I through VII are listed on page 2. Applicants request that Examiner clarify this.

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